

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-8, 10-26 and 28-33 are pending in the application and that claims 4-8, 10-13, 15-26 and 28-32 are rejected. By this response, claims 4-8, 10 and 15-26 have been cancelled and 11-14, 28 and 31-32 have been amended. Thus, claims 1-3, 11-14, and 28-33 are pending in the application. This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal. Examination of the claims in this preliminary amendment is requested.

#### **Allowed and Allowable Claims**

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-3 and 33. Furthermore, claim 14 has been amended to incorporate respective rejected base claims and any intervening claims and is now believed to be in allowable form. Dependent claims 11-13 were also amended to make them dependent on allowable claim 14. Independent claim 28 was amended to give it similar scope to allowable claim 14.

#### **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C., §103**

Claims 4-8, 10-13, 15-26 and 28-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Arends, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 4,306,474), in view of *Wittek* (U.S. Patent No. 1,796,417). Claims 4-8, 10 and 15-26 have been cancelled. Claims 11-14, 28 and 31-32 have been amended. Accordingly, the obviousness rejection is believed to be overcome.

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Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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